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1. The ADN, which was located at 2-4 Mittelstrasse, Berlin NW 7, was headed by Deba Wieland. Otto Schreiber and Max Kahane were the directors. Walter Schmidt, assisted by Briesse (fnu), was head of the finance section; Friedrich August Kempf, assisted by Joerg (fnu), was chief of the personnel section; and Benno Barrasch was responsible for the control section.¹ The posts for Germany, foreign affairs, newspaper dispatches, and translation were still vacant.

2. The position of the two directors, Otto Schreiber and Max Kahane, was doubtful because they had failed to give political reports the correct party slant.

3. Benno Barrasch, head of the control section, was ordered by the party to check ADN employees and co-workers for their political reliability.

1. Comment. Otto Schreiber had been editor-in-chief at the ADN foreign section under Hansen and at that time was believed to be one of the most influential persons in the ADN. Max Kahane had been ADN deputy director under Hansen. He lived as an émigré in Great Britain, and as an ADN correspondent had worked in Prague for two years. Walter Schmidt served as head clerk at the commercial section prior to the reorganization of the ADN. Friedrich August Kempf had been Hansen's deputy on matters pertaining to personnel.

Benno Barrasch was deputy chief of the press law section in the former Amt fuer Information.

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